

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be entered before examination of the above-captioned application. Newly added claims 73-84 are pending in the application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is entitled "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**".


Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above, early allowance of the application is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at the number listed below is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on Page 1, line 4, with the following:

--This is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/113,665, filed March 28, 2002, which is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/771,167, filed January 26, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/229,471, filed January 13, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,180,588, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/861,403, filed May 21, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,908,350, which is a continuation-in-part of provisional application U.S. No. 60/018,980 filed on June 4, 1996.--